



Montana Brilliant Ideas

Summer Issue



***HYPERLINKS** are in **RED**

What is the Montana Behavioral Initiative?

The term initiative refers to proactive efforts by family, community, and school leaders to identify and prioritize concerns, teach acceptable alternatives to inappropriate behaviors and create a culture of respect in the academic setting. With this in mind, Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI) is a content-based staff development philosophy and process designed to meet students' diverse and complex social, emotional, and academic needs.

Important Upcoming Dates

MBI Summer Institute at Montana State University - Bozeman

June 19 - 23, 2017

2017 Summer Institute Matrix

Agenda and Handouts

MBI Events/Topics

MBI Summer Institute Preview

Hank Bohanon will be presenting an all-day session on **Tuesday, June 20, 2017**. Dr. Bohanon's session is titled, "Implementing MTSS for Behavior in High Schools Settings: Getting Started. In addition, Dr. Bohanon has been a special education teacher in the Dallas Public Schools. He also has served as project coordinator at the University of Kansas for the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs research on positive behavior supports. Dr. Hank Bohanon is an associate professor in School of Education at Loyola University of Chicago. There he founded and served as the director of the Center for School Evaluation, Intervention, and Training (CSEIT). He is a former member of the board of directors for the Association of Positive Behavior Support. His research includes three-tiered academic and behavior supports in urban and suburban settings. His current work focuses on supports for high school settings and state level evaluation of practice for Positive Interventions and Supports, Response to Intervention, Social and Emotional Learning, and School Mental Health.

Tricia Berg will be presenting for three days at the Summer Institute on **June 20 - 22, 2017**. Dr. Berg began her career as a paraprofessional in a classroom for students with severe/multiple disabilities in Colorado. Upon moving to Oregon, she took a position as a special education teacher teaching students with emotional/behavioral disabilities. Three years later, she began teaching students with Developmental disabilities. During this time, she also served as a member of the crisis team for students with emotional/behavioral disabilities. As her skills grew, the district assigned her the role of behavior specialist. As such, she trained and coached her colleagues district-wide in school-wide, classroom, and individual student support systems for elementary, middle, and high school certified and classified teachers. Dr. Berg has also worked at the college level, teaching seminar and professional development classes and supervising student teachers in the school psychology program at the University of Oregon.

Jeffrey Sprague will be presenting an all-day session on **Wednesday, June 21, 2017**. Dr. Sprague is a professor of special education and director of the University of Oregon Institute on Violence and Destructive Behavior. He directs federal, state, and local research and demonstration projects related to positive behavior supports, response to intervention, your violence prevention, alternative education, juvenile delinquency prevention and treatment, and school safety. His research activities encompass applied behavior analysis, positive behavior supports functional behavioral assessment, school safety, youth violence prevention, and juvenile delinquency prevention.

Kevin Honeycutt will be presenting sessions **June 20 - 21, 2017**. Since 2007 Kevin has hosted a creative learning site called **ArtSnacks** where he shares 150+ ten minute drawing videos that support standards curriculum. This social "learning" network is his petri-dish for learning to mentor teachers and students in virtual environments. He was selected to be in the Apple Distinguished Educator Class of 2011 and spends time helping schools that use Apple's powerful tools get the mast out of them for students and teachers. Kevin has developed online safety, anti-bullying, and saber-bullying curriculum, which he shares with parents, teachers, and students around the country. He certifies instructors in this curriculum and supports trainers as they go out and do this important work. Kevin likes to bring his personal life experiences and a sense of humor and creativity to the mission of helping prepare 21st century learners.

D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas will be the Keynote Speaker on **Friday, June 23, 2017**. Enduring the extreme conditions of traditional ceremonies and rights of passage, D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas has had the values of the warrior spirit burned into his core. A tribally enrolled member of the Odawa Nation and a former U.S. Air Force officer, D.J. inspires others to **practically apply the power of the warrior spirit in business and life** to stay resilient, lead with courage, and thrive in tough changing environments. Vanas has used his dynamic programs to build warriors in 49 States and internationally to over 5,000 audiences to "strengthen the tribe" of organizations such as IBM, Walt Disney, NASA, the Secret Service, the American Cancer Society, and hundreds of tribal communities. He was also invited to The White House to share his message - twice. Now D.J. is ready to deliver his powerful high-energy message to the Summer Institute.

MBI Summer Institute at Montana State University - Bozeman

June 19 - 23, 2017 ***FREE** registration for each team who incorporates a poster, hors d'oeuvre, and music by Monte Selby

MBI Recognition System

The Montana Behavioral Initiative would like to recognize MBI Teams for the time and effort taken to successfully implement MBI at their sites. To accomplish this, MBI has created a multi-tiered recognition system. This system reflects the status of MBI implementation as teams build capacity to consistently and effectively offer positive behavior interventions and supports at each of the three tiers.

Applications for the levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum) include requirements for each level of MBI implementation, directions for the completion and submission of the application, and required information needed for the Summer Institute award ceremony. The applications can be downloaded from the gray box below.

Applications, documentation, narrative, and photos need to be submitted to your site's MBI Consultant no later than **May 5, 2017**. Please work closely with your consultant as you build your MBI process and reflect on the integrity and sustainability of your efforts. Schools receiving recognition will be notified by OPI prior to the Summer Institute. Recognition status levels will be announced at the award ceremony during the Thursday morning session of MBI Summer Institute.

Newsletter news

We hope you have had an outstanding 2016-17 academic year. The next Montana Brilliant Ideas newsletter will be sent out in August. We hope that you have enjoyed the newsletters, thus far. Thank you for believing in Montana Behavioral Initiative. Have a great summer.

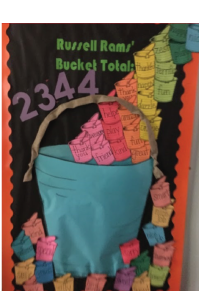
MBI-Related Articles State and National - Past and Present



Mattress Firm Student Athlete of the Week: Capital's Jaley Priddy



Stevensville High School Senior Wins MBI Art Contest



Exemplary Standards at Elementary Schools Recognized by the State

Research-Based MBI/PBIS Big Articles/Webinars



TEDtalk: The Angels of my Education



Identifying A Roadmap of Support for Secondary Students in School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Applications



Getting Effective School Discipline Practices to Scale: B.E.S.T. Practices Staff Development

PBIS Tier Support



Tier 1 Support



Tier 2 Support



Tier 3 Support